



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029**

**SUBJECT:** BGF Industries, Inc. 14-Day Revision to PCB Remediation Workplan Request

**FROM:** James J. Burke, Director  
Waste and Chemicals Management Division (3WC00)

**TO:** Tom Voltaggio Acting Regional Administrator (3RA00)

**Recommended Action:**

Please sign the attached letter responding to BGF Industries Inc's (BGF) 14-day revision letter, describing a modification to their original remedial approach to decontaminate localized areas of PCB contamination on the Unit #2 Dryer Platform and from a brick wall in a metal fabrication shed at their facility in Altavista, Virginia. U.S. EPA Region III's PCB Program is requesting that a brief summary of the clean-up activities be submitted upon completion.

The revision from BGF provides for cleanup in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(a) and includes the information required by the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(a)(3)(i)(A) - (E).

**Background:**

BGF's Altavista plant ("Site"), located at 401 Amherst Avenue in Altavista, Virginia, consists of two main buildings and three parking areas. The buildings and parking areas occupy approximately 22 acres. The facility primarily performs fiberglass cloth slashing. PCB oil, used by the former owner (Burlington Industries), was used in a heat-transfer drying system at the facility from the early 1960's until approximately 1973. A brick wall in a metal fabrication shed attached to the main facility building, as well as a unit dryer platform, were contaminated with PCBs due to multiple pump and gasket failures on the heat-transfer system. A remedial approach utilizing a "Cold Jet, high pressure" process was attempted in November 2000. Although the process resulted in a 60% decrease in PCB concentrations, the remaining concentrations warrant additional remediation. Therefore, BGF is going to utilize a process called TechXTract, whereby they will attempt to remove the contamination to below regulatory levels using chemical extraction.

**State/Regional Coordination:**

A copy of BGF's revision letter, dated January 26, 2001 and Region III's response will be forwarded to Dr. Khizar Wasti, Virginia Department of Health, and Erica Dameron, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Superfund Program Coordinator.

**Anticipated Impacts:**

None

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